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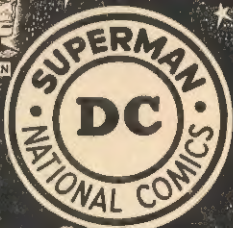


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TEN SECONDS! BUT I'M NOT
WORRIED. I KNOW YOU'RE
SUPERMAN AND YOU'LL
STOP ME WITH YOUR
SUPER-POWERS!

I CAN'T LET INNOCENT
PEOPLE DIE. YET HOW
CAN I PREVENT THE
EXPLOSION WITHOUT
REVEALING MY SECRET
IDENTITY TO THE
TV AUDIENCE?



SUPERMAN



GREAT SCOTT! LONG AGO, WHEN I WAS **SUPERBOY**, I SAVED MY HISTORY TEACHER AND MY CLASSMATES FROM DROWNING IN A VIKING GALLEY THEY BUILT! BECAUSE OF THAT EXPLOIT, MY SECRET IDENTITY IS NOW ENDANGERED!

EVERYONE KNOWS THE WORLD'S MOST GUARDED SECRET IS **SUPERMAN'S SECRET IDENTITY**! MANY MEN HAVE TRIED TO LEARN THAT SECRET, BUT FAILED! BUT NOW, A CRIMINAL INVENTS A NEW SCHEME--A CUNNING WAY TO DELVE INTO THE PAST, WHEN THE **MAN OF STEEL** WAS A **SUPERBOY** AND A **SUPERBABY**-- AND THERE IS ABLE TO UNEARTH LONG-FORGOTTEN CLUES THAT WILL ENDANGER THE **SUPERMAN** OF TODAY! HOW THIS VILLAIN ACCOMPLISHES IT--AND NOW **SUPERMAN** IS TRAPPED INTO REVEALING HIMSELF--IS TOLD IN THE STARTLING STORY OF...

The MAN WHO EXPOSED SUPERMAN!

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AFTER SERVING A LONG PRISON TERM FOR HIS CRIMES, EMBITTERED HAL COLBY IS FINALLY RELEASED.

AT LAST! NOW TO HAVE MY REVENGE ON **SUPERMAN**, WHO SENT ME TO JAIL YEARS AGO WHEN HE WAS **SUPERBOY**! I'LL HAVE MY REVENGE--BUT I'LL ALSO MAKE IT PAY OFF IN BIG MONEY, AFTER I SEE THE MOB!



LATER, AT A SECRET MEETING HELD BY LEADERS OF THE NATION'S CRIME SYNDICATE...

YOU WANT US TO GIVE YOU A MILLION DOLLARS--AND IN RETURN YOU GUARANTEE TO EXPOSE **SUPERMAN**'S SECRET IDENTITY? HMM! THAT'S A LOTTA DOUGH.

IT'S CHEAP, WHEN YOU CONSIDER YOU'LL BE GETTING EVEN WITH YOUR WORST ENEMY!



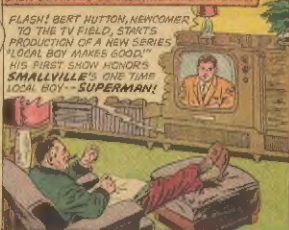
HMM! OKAY! IT'S A DEAL! BUT HOW WILL YOU DO IT SO **SUPERMAN** DOESN'T GET WISE?

HE WON'T SUSPECT A THING--BECAUSE I'M GOING TO POSE AS A TV PRODUCER! I'LL PRETEND I WANT TO PUT ON A SPECTACULAR IN HIS HONOR!



PLANS ARE MADE, AND ONE WEEK LATER, A SHOW BUSINESS COMMENTATOR ANNOUNCES...

FLASH! BERT HUTTON, NEWCOMER TO THE TV FIELD, STARTS PRODUCTION OF A NEW SERIES "LOCAL BOY MAKES GOOD!" HIS FIRST SHOW HONORS **SMALLVILLE**'S ONE TIME LOCAL BOY--**SUPERMAN**!



NEXT DAY, **DAILY PLANET** EDITOR, PERRY WHITE, GIVES A SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT TO HIS STAR REPORTER, CLARK KENT...

CLARK, SINCE **SMALLVILLE** IS YOUR HOMETOWN, TOO, YOU'RE THE LOGICAL ONE TO COVER THE TV SHOW WHEN **SUPERMAN** ARRIVES AS THE HONORED GUEST!

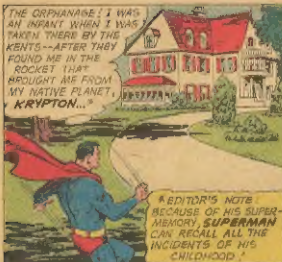
THAT SHOULD BE EASY--SINCE I AM **SUPERMAN**!



SO, AFTER MANY YEARS, **SUPERMAN** COMES HOME--A HOMECOMING DESTINED TO PROVE PERILOUS...

IT'S GOOD TO SEE MY OLD TOWN AGAIN! IT'S HARDLY CHANGED SINCE I WAS A BOY HERE.

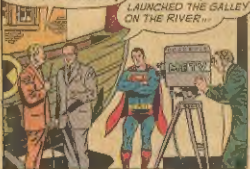




LATER, AT **SMALLVILLE HIGH**, TV CAMERAS FILM AN INTERVIEW WITH A HISTORY TEACHER.

MR. NORSTED, YOU SAY YOUR CLASS BECAME SO FASCINATED WITH VIKING HISTORY, THAT THEY ACTUALLY BUILT THIS GALLEY?

YES, AND BECAUSE OF IT, I FIRST MET **SUPERBOY!** YOU SEE, ONE DAY, SOME PUPILS AND I DRESSED AS VIKINGS, AND LAUNCHED THE GALLEY ON THE RIVER...



"WE SAILED ALONG SERENELY WHEN, WITHOUT WARNING, A TERRIBLE STORM LASHED AT US..."

LOWER THE SAIL! WE'LL TRY TO ROW FOR SHORE!

WE'LL NEVER MAKE IT!
SOB!! I'M SCARED!



"AS A TERRIBLE WAVE CRASHED AGAINST THE GALLEY, ONE BOY LOST HIS BALANCE..."

CLARK KENT--HE'S BEING WASHED OVERBOARD!



"NO ONE COULD SAVE HIM--HE WAS INSTANTLY LOST IN THE CHURNING WATERS! THE END SEEMED NEAR FOR US, TOO--WHEN SUDDENLY..."

SUPERBOY!

THANK HEAVEN!

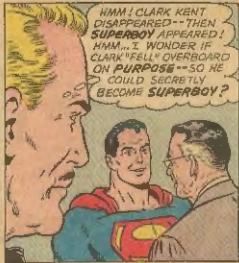
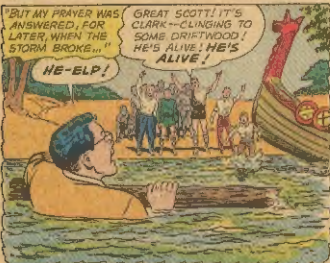


"THEN OUR GALLEY SEEMED TO HAVE WINGS..."

SUPERBOY IS CARRYING US TO SHORE! WE'RE SAVED!

POOR CLARK! IF ONLY HE COULD HAVE BEEN SAVED, TOO!





SO, INFLUENCED BY THE TRUTH-SPRAY, LANA IS FORCED TO DIVULGE HER SUSPICIONS...

IT--IT HAPPENED WHEN OUR GEOLOGY CLASS WAS VISITING AN OIL FIELD! OUR ASSIGNMENT WAS TO SEE HOW AN OIL WELL WAS DRILLED...



OH--EXCUSE ME, LANA! I'M GOING TO PHONE MY PARENTS AND TELL THEM WE'LL BE HOME EARLIER THAN EXPECTED!



ALL RIGHT, CLARK...

AS WE GOT BACK OUT OF RANGE, SUPERBOY BECAME A HUMAN DRILL -- AND MINUTES LATER WHOOOSH!

YAHOO! GUSHER! HE DID IT!



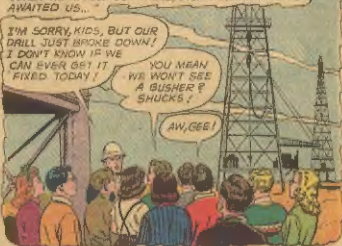
OH, I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO TELL CLARK WHAT HE MISSED SEEING!

WHEN WE FINALLY GOT THERE, DISAPPOINTING NEWS AWAITED US...

I'M SORRY, KIDS, BUT OUR DRILL JUST BROKE DOWN! I DON'T KNOW IF WE CAN EVER GET IT FIXED TODAY!

YOU MEAN WE WON'T SEE A GUSHER? SHUCKS!

AW, GEE!



WHILE THE REST OF US WAITED AROUND, HOPING THE DRILL WOULD BE FIXED, SUPERBOY APPEARED...



GET WAY BACK! I DON'T WANT ANYBODY SPRAYED WITH OIL WHEN I BRING IN THAT GUSHER!

W-WHAT?! SUPERBOY!

SO, AFTER SUPERBOY LEFT, I RAN TO THE BARRACKS SHACK WHERE CLARK HAD GONE TO PHONE, AND AS I BURST IN...

CLARK! YOU HAVE OIL--ON YOUR FACE! BUT HOW COULD YOU GET OIL ON YOU--IN HERE? THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD HAVE GOTTEN OIL ON HIM IS SUPERBOY!



WHAT? B-BUT, LANA...

YOUR "PHONE CALL" WAS AN EXCUSE, SO YOU COULD GET AWAY AND REAPPEAR AS **SUPERBOY**-- THEN YOU RETURNED HERE, AND BECAME CLARK KENT AGAIN--AFTER FIRST WIPING OFF ANY TELLTALE OIL! BUT IN YOUR HURRY, YOU MISSED THAT OIL SMUDGE ON YOUR FACE!

LANA, PLEASE...

...I'M SO TIRED OF HAVING YOU CONSTANTLY THINK I'M **SUPERBOY**...

WAIT--THERE'S OIL ON YOUR HAND--YET ONLY A MOMENT AGO YOUR HANDS WERE CLEAN BEFORE YOU PUT THEM BEHIND YOUR BACK!

"THEN I SAW THAT BEHIND CLARK WAS A PIPE THAT LED TO AN OIL HEATER--

THERE'S A LEAK IN THE PIPE..."

I SEE IT ALL NOW! WHILE PHONING, YOU ACCIDENTALLY TOUCHED THE PIPE, AND THEN YOUR FACE! AND YOU AGAIN GOT OIL ON YOUR HAND WHEN YOUR HAND WAS BEHIND YOUR BACK! THAT CONVINCES ME-- YOU'RE **NOT SUPERBOY**!

"LANA MAY HAVE BEEN CONVINCED-- BUT I'M **NOT!** **SUPERBOY** COULD HAVE OUTFOXED HER SOMEHOW..."

NEITHER HUTTON-- NOR LANA-- WILL EVER REALIZE HOW I TRICKED HER THAT DAY...

"WHEN LANA ACCUSED ME OF BEING **SUPERBOY**, I THOUGHT FAST--AND AFTER PUTTING MY HANDS BEHIND MY BACK--

WITH MY SUPER-STRENGTH, I'LL POKE A HOLE IN THE PIPE-- THEN RUB OIL ON MY PALM! ONCE LANA SEES MY OIL-STAINED HAND, SHE'LL MAKE THE OBVIOUS, BUT **WRONG**, DEDUCTION!

I'LL BE BUSY FOR A WHILE WITH MY CREW-- SO WHY DON'T YOU TAKE MISS LANG TO LUNCH?

THAT'LL GET **SUPERMAN** OUT OF THE WAY, SO HE WON'T SEE ME SLIP BACK TO THE ORPHANAGE TO CHECK ON A HUNCH OF MINE...

LATER, AT THE ORPHANAGE... THE RECORDS SHOW THAT THE KENTS ADOPTED AN ORPHAN AND NAMED HIM CLARK! THE NOSTALGIC LOOK I SAW IN **SUPERMAN'S** EYES COULD MEAN HE WAS REMEMBERING THAT HE WAS A FOUNDLING HERE! IF SO-- THEN **CLARK KENT COULD BE SUPERMAN!**

SHORTLY AFTER, IN FAR-OFF METROPOLIS, A MYSTERIOUS EXPLOSION SETS A CHEMICAL PLANT AFIRE...

THE FLAMES MAY SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE CITY! WE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO PUT OUT THE BLAZE IN TIME! THIS IS A JOB FOR **SUPERMAN!**

HE'S IN **SMALLVILLE** FOR THAT TV SHOW! I'LL PHONE HIM AT ONCE!

SOON, SUPERMAN HEEDS THE URGENT SUMMONS...

AFTER I PUT OUT THE FIRE, AND RETURN HERE, I'LL BECOME **CLARK KENT**-- IN CASE ANYONE STARTS WONDERING WHY CLARK KENT ISN'T ON HAND TO HONOR HIS FRIEND, **SUPERMAN!**

SUPERMAN DOESN'T KNOW THAT I PHONED THE SYNDICATE--AND HAD THEM ARRANGE THE CHEMICAL PLANT FIRE--SO SUPERMAN WOULD BE CALLED AWAY! IF HE'S CLARK KENT, HE WON'T BE HERE TO INTERFERE WHILE I SEARCH THE KENT HOME FOR CLUES TO HIS IDENTITY!

SO, MINUTES LATER... THE OLD KENT HOME! ACCORDING TO THE REAL ESTATE RECORDS, IT'S STILL OWNED BY KENT! HE NEVER SOLD THE PLACE! I WONDER WHY?

OKAY, BOSS-- LET'S BREAK INTO THE PLACE!

WHY? ONLY SUPERMAN KNOWS, BECAUSE OF A SCENE THAT TOOK PLACE IN THAT HOME MANY YEARS BEFORE...

WE'VE HAD SUCH HAPPY TIMES HERE! SIGH! I HATE TO THINK THAT STRANGERS WILL BE LIVING HERE AFTER WE'RE DEAD... AND YOU'VE MOVED AWAY!

DON'T WORRY, MOTHER-- I'LL NEVER SELL THIS HOUSE! THAT'S A PROMISE!



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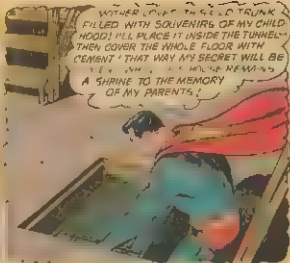


AND WHEN **SUPERMAN** HAD GROWN TO MANHOOD
AND HIS BELOVED FOSTER PARENTS HAD DIED

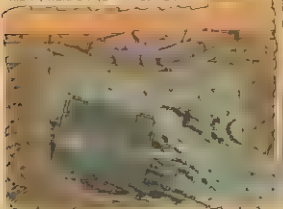
"I PROMISED NEVER TO SELL THIS
HOUSE EVEN THOUGH I'M GOING TO LIVE
IN **METROPOLIS**! BUT, I'LL HAVE TO DO
SOMETHING ABOUT MY SECRET TUNNEL
HERE UNDER THE BASEMENT--SHOULD
A PASSERBY DISCOVER IT



"WOULD YOU TAKE THE TRUNK
FILLED WITH SOUVENIRS OF MY CHILD-
HOOD! I'LL PLACE IT INSIDE THE TUNNEL--
THEN COVER THE WHOLE FLOOR WITH
CEMENT! THAT WAY MY SECRET WILL BE
SAFE AND NO ONE WILL FIND IT--
A SHRINE TO THE MEMORY
OF MY PARENTS!"



BUT, LONG AFTER **SUPERMAN** LEFT, A SHIFTING
ROCK FAULT RELEASED AN UNDERGROUND STREAM
THAT SEEPED UP INTO A SECTION OF THE CEMENT
MENT, WEAKENING THE CEMENT



AND NOW AFTER MANY YEARS **SUPERMAN**'S
GUARDED SECRET IS EXPOSED TO HIS ENEMIES...

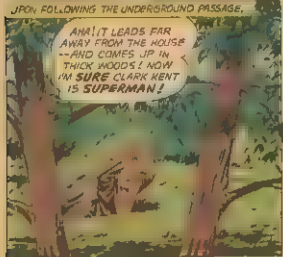
"BOSS WHERE THE
CEMENT HAS FALLEN
IN-- THERE'S A
TRUNK BELOW--
AND A TUNNEL!"

"NOW WHY SHOULD THERE BE
A TUNNEL UNDER THE KENT
HOUSE? WE'LL EXAMINE
THE TRUNK LATER! LET'S
FIRST CHECK THE

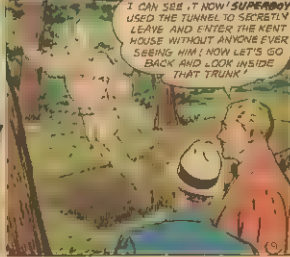


JOHN, FOLLOWING THE UNDERGROUND PASSAGE,

"AHA! IT LEADS FAR
AWAY FROM THE HOUSE
--AND COMES UP IN
THICK WOODS! NOW
I'M SURE CLARK KENT
IS **SUPERMAN**!"



"I CAN SEE IT NOW! **SUPERBOY**
USED THE TUNNEL TO SECRETLY
LEAVE AND ENTER THE KENT
HOUSE WITHOUT ANYONE EVER
SEEING HIM! NOW LET'S GO
BACK AND LOOK INSIDE
THAT TRUNK!"





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BUT, THE CRIMINALS HAVE NOT ANTICIPATED THAT
SUPERMAN WILL COMPLETELY SMASH HIS SHIELD
AND REVEAL HIS TRUE IDENTITY.

LET'S TAKE
IT OUT IN THE
THE LIGHT!

GREAT WAR MON.
SOMEHOW HUTTON DISCOVERED
THE PLOT TO KILL SOME OF THE
CONVENIENS INSIDE OF THE LIFE AS
MY SECRET IDENTITY.

NEED THE SOL. OF A STEEL TEETHING
RING -- TO BE MARKED 1 BIT INTO
"SUPER-BABY."

TH YOUR SUPER
KNOW WHY I AM BOTHER

CLANG

"ANOTHER SOUVENIR WAS MY FIRST PAIR OF GLOVES! THEY WERE TO HELP ME DISGUISE MY SUPERBOY IDENTITY WHEN I BECAME CLARK KENT, BUT WHEN I FIRST PUT THEM ON,

OH, NO! MY HEAT-VISION
HOLES THRU
LENSES! ORDINARY
GLASS WON'T DO
"WOULD I EVER HAVE
TO SECRETLY USE
MY HEAT-VISION AS
CLARK KENT?"

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YIF I TRY TO GRAB OR DESTROY
THE SUN IT'LL BURN
AND IM TRYING TO DESTROY
JF--AND SUSPECT IT'S
BECAUSE M LARA KRAAT
YET I AM A C SOMETHING
BUT WHAT?

' NOW TO
LAST 47
DAD, DICK
ONE

SHORTLY AFTER, SLOWLY, THE RAILY HINGES
GIVE WAY AND THE AIRMALE STARE INTO
THE CHEST TO SEE IT

NO THING 'THERE NO
 BOTTOM TO THIS OLD
 TRUNK

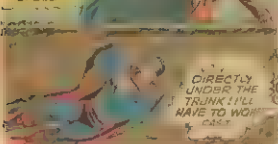
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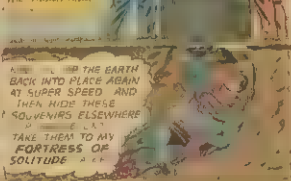
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BUT WHAT THE CRIMINALS DO NOT KNOW IS THAT SECONDS BEFORE SUPERMAN HAD DIVED INTO THE GROUND AND BORED THROUGH AT SUPER SPEED



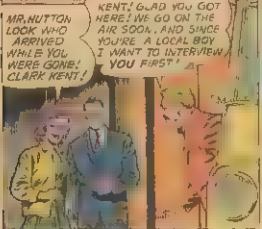
LIKE A MAN PEELING AWAY A LETTUCE LEAF SUPERMAN HAD STRIPPED AWAY THE BOTTOM OF THE TRUNK AND



DIRECTLY UNDER THE TRUNK! I'LL HAVE TO WORK FAST

AND PUT THE EARTH BACK INTO PLACE AGAIN AT SUPER SPEED AND THEN HIDE THESE SOUVENIRS ELSEWHERE TAKE THEM TO MY FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE

AS HUTTON LATER RETURNS TO SMALLVILLE TOWN HALL...



MR. HUTTON LOOK WHO ARRIVED WHILE YOU WERE GONE! CLARK KENT!

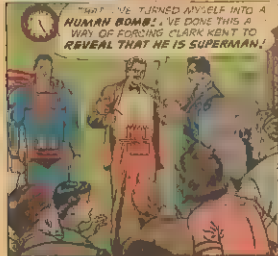
KENT! GLAD YOU GOT HERE! WE GO ON THE AIR SOON, AND SINCE YOU'RE A LOCAL BOY I WANT TO INTERVIEW YOU FIRST!

...AND THE AUDIENCE ARE TWO MORE VISITORS TO METROPOLIS--LOIS LANE AND JIMMY OLSEN...

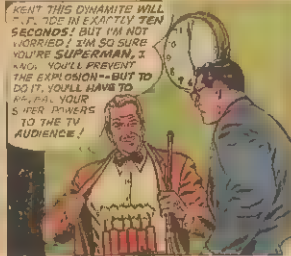


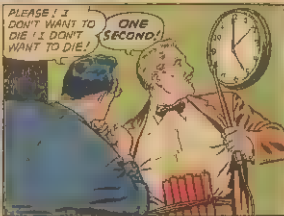
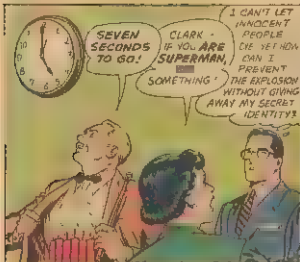
LIKE YOU'RE IN FOR A SURPRISE--BUT THE BIGGEST SURPRISE IS IN STORE FOR CLARK KENT! THE BIG SURPRISE IS

THAT I'VE TURNED MYSELF INTO A HUMAN BOMB! I'VE DONE THIS A WAY OF FORCING CLARK KENT TO REVEAL THAT HE IS SUPERMAN!

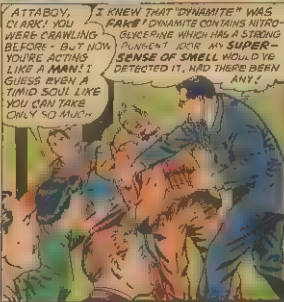
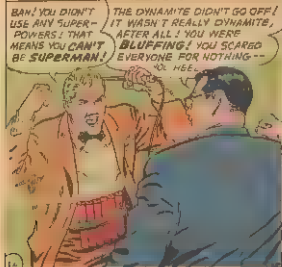


KENT THIS DYNAMITE WILL GO OFF IN EXACTLY TEN SECONDS! BUT I'M NOT WORRIED! I'M SO SURE YOU'RE SUPERMAN, I KNOW YOU'LL PREVENT THE EXPLOSION--BUT TO DO IT, YOU'LL HAVE TO USE ALL YOUR SUPER POWERS TO THE TV AUDIENCE!





THE SECOND TICKS ON RELENTLESSLY--AND THEN THERE IS AN EXPLOSION--AN EXPLOSION OF ANGER!



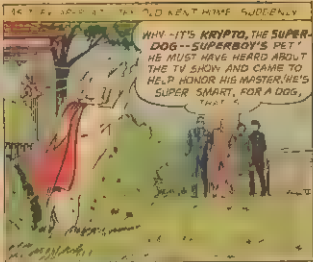


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BUT I WAS SO SURE...! THERE'S THAT TUNNEL UNDER YOUR HOUSE

TUNNEL? LET'S OVER THERE AND SEE WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT!



WHY - IT'S KRYPTO, THE SUPER-DOG--SUPERBOY'S PET! HE MUST HAVE HEARD ABOUT THE TV SHOW AND CAME TO HELP HONOR HIS MASTER. (HE'S SUPER SMART, FOR A DOG, THAT IS)



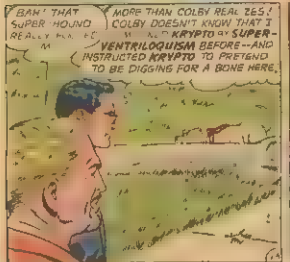
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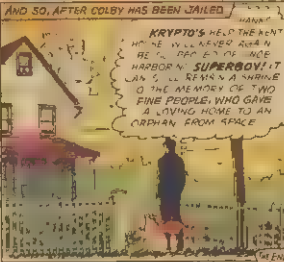
WHAT? NO, HE'S HE-N-T

HA HA I'M A RA? THAT "TUNNEL" YOU FOUND WAS ONLY ONE OF MANY KRYPTO JUST MADE WHILE DIGGING FOR A DINOSAUR BONE



BAW! THAT SUPER HOUND REALLY DID M

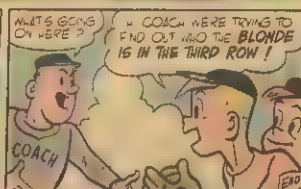
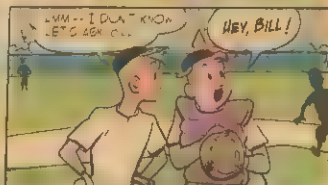
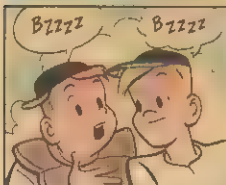
MORE THAN COLBY REALIZES! COLBY DOESN'T KNOW THAT I USED KRYPTO AS SUPER-VENTRILLOQUISM BEFORE--AND INSTRUCTED KRYPTO TO PRETEND TO BE DIGGING FOR A BONE HERE.



AND SO, AFTER COLBY HAS BEEN JAILED

HANK! KRYPTO'S HELPED THE KENT HOME HE'LL NEVER AGAIN BE A DOG OF DOCE HARBOR N' SUPERBOY! IT CAN S'LL REMAIN A SHRINE TO THE MEMORY OF TWO FINE PEOPLE, WHO GAVE A LOVING HOME TO AN ORPHAN FROM SPACE

THE END



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SUPERMAN'S SECRET MESSAGE

(Code Jupiter No. 4)

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SUPERMAN,

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Is it a BIRD?
Is it a PLANE?
Is it MR. MXYZPTLK?!

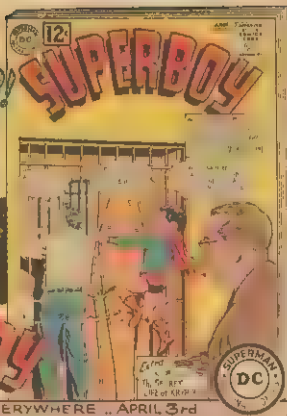
NO...

It's SUPERBABY...
COMBING SUPER-MISCHIEF
MR. MXYZPTLK
NEVER DREAMED OF!

FOR THE STORY
OF THE
MIGHTY
MITE'S
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METROPOLIS MAILBAG

Dear Editor: How can we fans ever thank you for the wonderful present you gave us in ACTION COMICS, No. 255? I am, of course, referring to the story, "The World's Mightiest Heroine", in which SUPERMAN finally revealed SUPERGIRL to the world. All through it, and even when I had finished it, I still could not believe that it was not an imaginary story. I kept waiting for the final act of fate to step in in the form of flashbacks and tell us that SUPERGIRL was not really revealed, but such a thing never happened. And now that she is known to the world, I would suggest that you create for SUPERGIRL an arch-enemy, which is all her own and does not interfere in any way with SUPERMAN and his activities. How about it?

Louis H. Cohn, Baltimore, Md.
(Thousands of readers have written us expressing their joy about SUPERGIRL's revelation to the world. While the reaction of the vast majority has been favorable, a few would have preferred to have seen SUPERGIRL remain anonymous, as indicated by other letters in this month's Mailbag. At any rate, we have great plans for SUPERGIRL, including a new arch-villain for . . . a new super-pet . . . and a surprise romantic interest. Incidentally, SUPERGIRL will be featured on next month's cover of ACTION COMICS, where you will see her grown up as a SUPERWOMAN!—Ed.)

Dear Editor: I just read ACTION COMICS No. 255. To quote SUPERGIRL, "I can't believe it! They're cheering me!" Well, I can't believe they're really cheering her, either. After three years and thirty-three comics you finally revealed her. It's hard to believe. An SUPERMAN puts it, "You deserve it, SUPERGIRL!" Thank you for that super-story!

James King, Minneapolis, Minn.
(Reader King accompanied his letter with a beautifully drawn original picture of SUPERGIRL, in color, which we are sorry we can't reproduce here, but for which we say, "Thank you, Mr. King!"—Ed.)

Dear Editor: I'm glad that you've finally given in a popular demand and revealed the existence of SUPERGIRL. However, I myself was against her being revealed to the world. Well, all I can say is that there goes a little suspense, mystery, and some surprise endings from your stories—right down the drain.

Stanley Chan, Los Angeles, Calif.
We don't agree with you, sir. Even though SUPERGIRL is now known to the world, we think that the story in this issue, "The Man Who Made Supergirl Cry," contains every element you mention—suspense, mystery and a surprise ending. If you don't agree with us, we'll eat green, red, white and blue kryptonite!—Ed.

Dear Editor: I enjoyed the recent story, "The Babe of Steel!" But when SUPERMAN entered the Phantom Zone as a superbaby, wouldn't he have become a phantom? If so, how could he have seen Mon-El and the other men inside the Phantom Zone?

Clifford Garber, Lynn, Mass.
(Yes, he did become a "phantom" upon entering the Zone. And if you've read previous "Phantom Zone" stories you'd know that we have established that beings inside the Zone, even though they are wraith-like shapes, can see each other—and everything around them on the outside. They can also communicate with each other via telepathy.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: What ever happened to "Streaky," Supergirl's pet? It seems as though he was put in a corner and forgotten. If he doesn't return soon, I'll report you to the ASPCA.

(Unsigned)
(Streaky appeared recently in ADVENTURE COMICS, No. 191. He's due for an exciting appearance shortly as a member of the Legion of Super-Pets. We agree with you that his omission from these pages is nothing short of a cat-astrophe, but we have news for you. Streaky makes a brief appearance in SUPERMAN COMICS, No. 156, and in this story he actually TALKS.—Ed.)

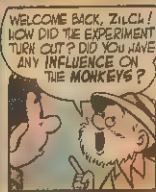
Dear Editor: Now that Linda Lee Danvers (Supergirl) has a new hair style—which is really a wig—how does she sleep with it on, because I think it would fall off. I know, because once I had to wear a wig and every time I went to sleep it always fell off. So what do you have to say about this?

Trudy Blugerman, Toronto, Ont.
(Linda's wig has a special non-sticky adhesive which enables it to adhere to her real hair without causing any discomfort. As for your particular problem, we suggest you keep your wig from falling off by sleeping standing up.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: I enjoyed the story, "The Babe of Steel" very much. But you showed SUPERMAN borrowing a baby's clothes, then bursting out of them. If he destroyed the clothes, how could he return them?

Betty Jones, Waverly, Kentucky.
(We'd say this is a MINOR point. Get it?—Ed.)

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SUPERGIRL

KNOW, DEAR

SUPERGIRL
MYSELF

CAN SAVE HER

TEARS

SCA ALL MY PRECIOUS
LIFE IN HER HANDS



DESPITE HER SUPER POWERS SUPERGIRL
IS LIKE ANY NORMAL CHILD: SHE'S GENTLE
AND EASILY MOVED TO TEARS! BUT THE
LAST PERSON YOU'D EXPECT TO TAKE
ADVANTAGE OF HER SENSITIVENESS WOULD BE
HER FOSTER FATHER "BERT O'ANNERS,"
HONESTLY A KID WHO YOU WOULD
SEE KICKING LEAVES. ANVERS GOES ABOUT
LIVING HIS LIFE IN LAUGHTER, LONG
TRICK AFTER TRICK TO MAKE HER CRY HER
HEART OUT. WHY? WHAT HILARIOUS SCHEME
DRIVES HIM TO MAKE SUPERGIRL CRY?
CONSTANTLY SO THAT HE BECOMES

The MAN WHO
MADE
SUPERGIRL
CRY!



ACTION COMICS



ONE MORNING, LINDA LEE DANVERS, SECRETARY
SUPERGIRL, WAKES UP EARLIER THAN USUAL

"TODAY I'VE GOT TO BE IN A LITTLE EARLY. AND I
DON'T WANT TO BE THERE WITH THE SLEAZEBAGS
AND THE OTHERS. I'VE GOT TO BE THERE AT THE
OFFICE."

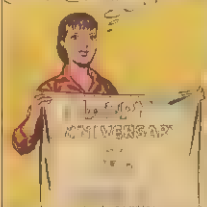


SOON AFTER LINDA RAIDS THE LINEN

CLOSET. A SUPER SPEED, LAMP
SHE RIPS INTO SHREDS AND THREADS,
AND WEAVE THEM INTO THE FORM OF A
"MAGICAL"



THEN... SHE PUTS ON THE
DRESS WITH THE CENTER
NOT TO MIND SOMETHING FOR
DAD



HE PUTS ON THE
UNBREAKABLE GLASS PAPER
WEIGHTS AND IMPROVES
PROCESSED BY THE
PROCESSED BY THE
PROCESSED BY THE



AS LINDA PUTS ON THE
TOOTHBRUSHES... SHE DAD
AN EXCELLENT
KICK OUT OF AN
MINIATURE MODEL OF A BRIDGE
HE ONCE BUILT!



A MAN... A MAN... A MAN...
SAY SO MYSELF... I'LL LEAVE
THE... THE... THE...
THE... THE... THE...



MEANWHILE, NOT FAR AWAY, ICE MAN, FUGITIVE
FROM THE ICE, IS HAVING OFF DUTY MAN AND A
GETAWAY. A BLIND MAN WRECKED MY CAR
SO POLICE MAY SHOOT ME. I
AND A LAMP. IF I CAN'T
BE SEEN WITH THIS MANICURE WHICH WAS
LEFT ON MY WRIST AFTER I FILED IT OFF THE
POST I WAS HANDCUFFED TO!





ACTION COMICS



I'LL WRAP THIS HANDKERCHIEF AROUND MY WRIST SO IT'LL LOOK AS IF I SPRAINED IT! IT SHOULD BE EASY TO FOOL THE HICKS IN THIS TOWN! THEY'LL NEVER DREAM I'M A CROOK WHO ESCAPED FROM THE COPS WHO HAD ARRESTED ME!



LATER AT THE DANVERS' HOUSE...

OH, LINDA DARLING, WHAT A DELIGHTFUL SURPRISE! YOUR GIFTS ARE BEAUTIFUL! WE'RE SO LUCKY TO HAVE YOU AS A DAUGHTER!

NOT LUCKIER THAN I MOM, OF COURSE. THE FOLKS AT MIDVALE ORPHANAGE WERE GREAT! BUT IT'S WONDERFUL TO LIVE WITH REAL PARENTS!



PRESENTLY, AS LINDA ANSWERS A KNOCK ON THE DOOR...

BEG PARDON, MISS! I JUST HAD AN ACCIDENT DOWN THE ROAD. COULD I COME IN AND REST A WHILE?

WELL...UH...SURE! MAYBE SOME COFFEE WILL HELP YOU REGAIN YOUR STRENGTH.



YOU POOR MAN! WOULD YOU WANT US TO CALL THE DOCTOR?

ER...NOT YET, MAM! MAYBE AFTER I HAVE THIS COFFEE.

HMM...THIS IS FUNNY. I'M GETTING A MENTAL IMAGE OF WHAT THIS FELLOW IS THINKING.



THIS WILL BE A PUSHOVER! AFTER I KNOCK THEM OFF AND STEAL THEIR CASH, I'LL LAM IN THEIR CAR!

NOW PLEASE EXCUSE ME, EVERYBODY! I MUST GET READY FOR SCHOOL!



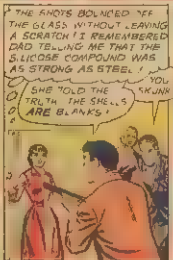
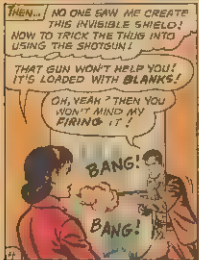
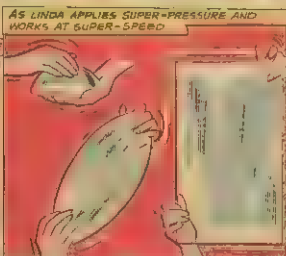
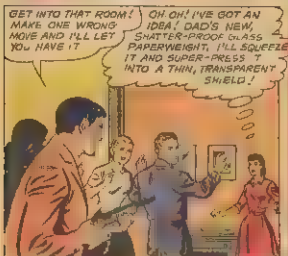
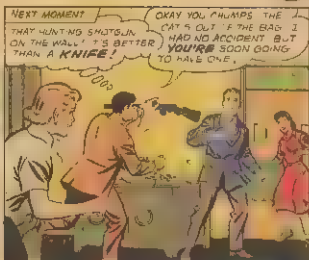
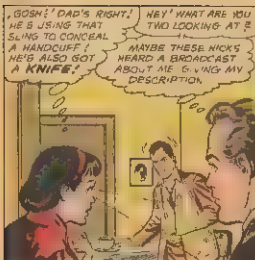
BUT AS LINDA LEAVES...

PSST...LINDA, WAIT! I'M SURE YOU'LL THINK I'M CRAZY, BUT I JUST HAD A MENTAL FLASH. AS IF I COULD READ THAT MAN'S MIND! HE'S A CROOK WHO INTENDS TO KILL US!

WHAT? WHY THAT'S R-DIKULO'S DAD!

HMM...BUT IT WON'T HURT TO GIVE HIM THE ONCE-OVER WITH MY X-RAY VISION!







ACTION COMICS



LATER, AS THE POLICE ARE SUMMONED...

THAT "FLAT" WOULD BE THE
NIM'S "FLAT" WOULD BE THE
DUE TO THE "FLAT" WOULD BE THE
OF THE "FLAT" WOULD BE THE
CLOCK OF THINKING



15. CONSIDER YOURSELF
LUCKY YOUR EXTRA SENSE
FOR WHATEVER REASON
ON TO EARTH, AND I
BETTER BE OFF
- CHLOE



IN YOUR LATER... I LISTEN DAN ER,
AND OBEY! YOU'RE ONE OF THE FE
MORTALS WHO HAVE TELEPATHIC
... I CAN RECEIVE ALL OUR
ONS! WE ARE HYPNOTIZING
WITH OUR TELEPATHIC VOICES!



NEVER MIND WHERE HE IS COMING FROM
DANVERS FROM NOW ON, YOU'LL TAKE CARE
ONLY FROM US! YOU WILL MAKE YOUR
DAUGHTER LINDA CRY! GET HER TO CRY
AND SAVE HER TEARS! NOW THIS IS
WHAT YOU'LL DO... ARE YOU
LISTENING?



THAT AFTERNOON AFTER SCHOOL AS LINDA CHANGES
TO **SUPERSGIRL** AND GOES ON PATROL...

SINCE **SUPERMAN** IS AWAY, THE POLICE
ASKED ME TO TRAIL THOSE HELICOPTER
BANDITS WHO JUST PULLED A S
BUT AN AIRLINER JUST SHEARS
OFF ITS PROPELLOR BLADES



INSIDE THE HELICOPTER

W-W-WE'RE GOIN' I HEARING I JUST OVER-
DOWN, ROCKY! HEARD THE THIEVES'
WHAT'S WRONG? CONVERSATION! THEY
DON'T KNOW THEIR

DON'T PROPELLOR IS GONE! THAT
GIVES ME AN IDEA! I'LL
TAKE THE PLACE OF THEIR
FOR THE LOR BLADES.



WAIT, ROCKY
WE A L T FALL N
NO MORE WE
CAN HEAR T GERT
FOR OUR SECRET
N CRYN T

WHEN MY SISTER
TOLD ME I HAD OWNED
HE SPOKE TO ME. AND
I REALIZED HE HAD
I MIGHT NEVER HAVE
DISCOVERED THE HIDING
PLACE OF THEIR STOLEN
GOODS!



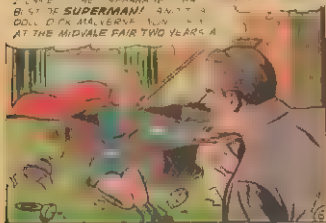
THAT'S IT DANVERS YOUR DAUGHTER IS
WILD ABOUT THIS SOUVENIR CASE! SMASH
AND HE'S BEATING IT WHEN HE
FINDS EVERYTHING RUINED SHE SHOULD
BE OUT AT THE



YES,
BOSTON

I DAD SAH TSH L. 98
 IVE SAVED HON THOSE EYES
 I CAN BE THE SPANNAVE THAT
 BEST OF **SUPERMAN!** AN.T. 4
 DOLL DICK MALVERVE LON 41
 AT THE MIDVALE FAIR TWO YEARS A

CRYING



PRESENTLY I AM HENRIK HANSEN
TOLD THE FACTS OF THE
'SUPERBIAL' RE-ORBA-CH-TH-ERN
TO THE SUP-... HLP



AN HOUR LATER.

MY SOLVENTS ARE
MATTERED

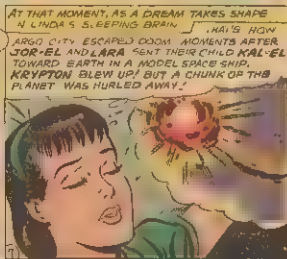
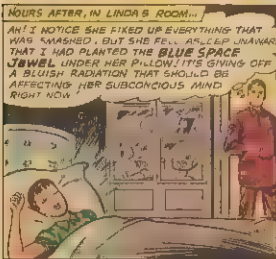
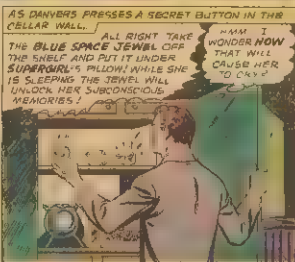
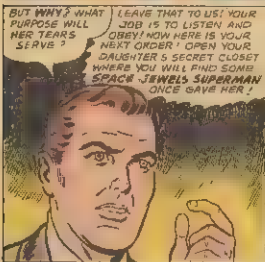
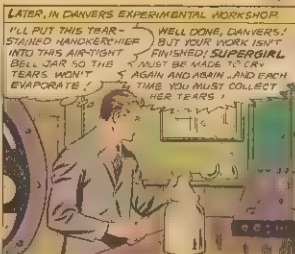
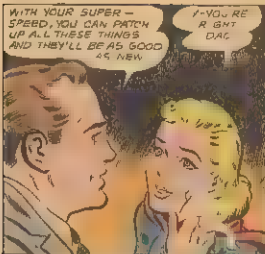
HEARD THE RASH AND
RAN UPSTAIRS. I FOUND
THE WINDOW OPEN A
STIVE BLOWN THE CASE



SUPERGIRL'S HE VIBES AS FEMALE
IN 2 THE B.T. AT HEAR SHE S AS
Q. I AS ANY PERSONS GIRL
I AS ST CAT. I HER EARL REARE
THEY S AS D.

NOV 1
SUPERGIRL
V. HARRIS







ACTION COMICS



ARGO CITY WAS ON THAT CHUNK! BUT THE EXPLOSION CHANGED THE CHUNK'S GROND TO DEADLY **KRYPTO-NITE**! A SCIENTIST **ZOR-EL**, WHO WAS ALSO THE BROTHER OF **JOR-EL** GAVE ORDERS TO COVER THE GROUND WITH LEAD SHEET METAL TO PROTECT OUR PEOPLE FROM THE KRYPTONITE RAYS. SHORTLY AFTER I WAS BORN **KARA ZOR-EL**!



SUDDENLY, AS LINDA DREAMS, HER EXPRESSION CHANGES

OH NO I DON'T WANT TO SEE THIS SIGHT AGAIN! IT'S TOO HORRIBLE! SOB! THIS IS THE DAY YEARS LATER, WHEN A METEOR SWARM FELL UPON ARGO CITY! I STILL REMEMBER HOW THE METEORS SMASHED HOLES IN THE LEAD SHIELDS, RELEASING DEADLY KRYPTONITE!



IT WAS SO GREATLY SOB BUT DAD HAD PREPARED FOR THE CATASTROPHE. HE HAD WATCHED **SUPERMAN** ON EARTH THROUGH A SUPER TELESCOPE AND HAD BUILT A ROCKET TO TAKE ME TO EARTH TOO. SOB. BUT I DIDN'T WANT TO GO. I FOUGHT TO STAY!



OH NO I CAN'T FICE IT! IT'S TOO CRUEL! SOB! MY ROCKET ZOOMED INTO SPACE LEAVING BEHIND, A DEAD CITY EVERY ONE I KNEW AND LOVED SOB.

GOSH SHE'S BURSTING INTO TEARS! I'D BETTER HIDE THE SPACE JEWEL BEFORE SHE WAKES AND SUSPECTS SOMETHING!



SHORTLY, AS LINDA AWAKENS NOW I KNOW WHAT THAT **BLUE JEWEL** DID! IT MADE HER DREAM SOME HORRIBLE NIGHTMARE!



DARLING! WHAT'S THE MATTER?

OH DAD SOB I COULDN'T STAND IT. I WAS DREAMING ABOUT ARGO CITY! SOB.

SOB! I WAS RELIVING EVERY TERRIFYING MOMENT OF ITS DESTRUCTION! IT WAS AWFUL, DAD. SOB!

YOU POOR CHILD TRY NOT TO THINK OF IT NOW!

I MUST CATCH EVERY ONE OF HER TEARS!





ACTION COMICS



LATER, IN THE CELLAR.

WE'LL EARN MORE THE ENEMY
 IN THE NIGHT. AFTER ALL, B
 WONDER WHY A "MAMU" LATE
 WYME BE BEING ALIVE IN
 ONE DAY

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TOO BAD WE DIDN'T KNOW BEFORE
 THAT YOU HAD EXTRA SENSORY POWERS
 ON THE NIGHT OF THE 10TH
 A MAN IN A DARK SUIT



WE NEED A FIVE RE
 LER EARLY AND
 HOW YOU'LL TRICK
 A DAUGHTER
 NEXT

NEXT DAY WHEN LINDA RETURNED FROM SCHOOL

DAD WHY ARE YOU
 YOU LOOK SO PALE!

WE'VE LOST A
 ALL FROM THE HOSPITAL
 THEY SAID MOM WAS KILLED
 IN AN AUTO ACCIDENT

NOW WATCH
 HER WEEP



HOT CLINT HEN

RE DARN TII
 ALIVE!

YOU TOLD ME
 LOOK AS IF YOU'D
 SEEN A GHOST

EDNA BACK FOR
 ABOUT AN HOUR
 SHE CALLED MY
 NAME FORGETTING
 MORE YEARS FROM
 LINDA



LA MY DAD SAID
 HE WASN'T DEAD

SOMEBODY
 CALLED AND SAID YOU HAD AN
 ACCIDENT BUT I MUST HAVE BEEN
 A CRUEL PRACTICAL JOKER

OH MOM MY HEART
 ALMOST STOPPED
 BEATING



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JUPITER! SHE'S
 CRYING! B.
 NOT OUT OF MY MIND
 OUT OF JOY! I CAN
 COLLECT HER TEARS
 OF HAPPINESS!

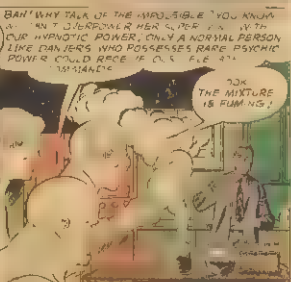
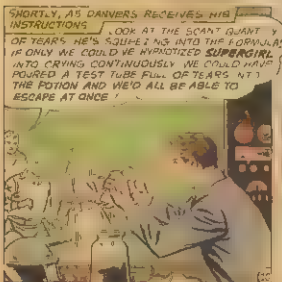
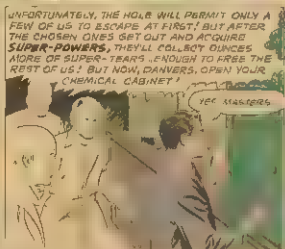
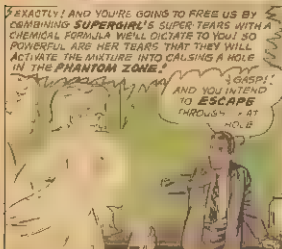
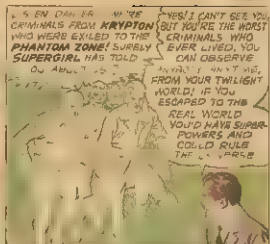


AFTER LINDA SWITCHES TO
 SUPERGIRL AND GOES ON
 PATROL

WONDER
 THERE ARE ENOUGH TEARS
 NOW OR ALL THOSE WHO
 CAN GO MY MIND CAN BE
 TO TAKE LINDA AWAY SOME
 MORE

NEVER YO
 YOU HAVE
 D ENOUGH TEARS
 FOR OUR PURPOSE, NOW
 GET OUT THE HANDKER-
 CLOTHS

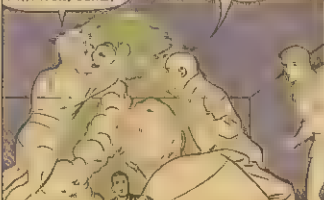




SECONDS LATER...

GASP! OUR FORMULA WORKS! A GATE IS OPENING IN THE PHANTOM ZONE!

WAIT! DON'T GO OUT THERE! SUPERMAN MAY HAVE SOMETHING RIGGED TO ALERT HIM THE INSTANT WE APPEAR!



WE'LL SEND MON-EL OUT FIRST & NOTHING HAPPENS TO HIM THE COAST IS CLEAR!

NO JAX-UR! YOU KNOW I CAN'T LEAVE THE PHANTOM ZONE! THERE'S LEAD ON THE OUTSIDE WORLD! YOU KNOW LEAD IS AS DEADLY TO ME AS GREEN KRYPTONITE IS TO YOU!



MOMENTS LATER... AS THE GIFT DRIFTS OUT OF THE CELLAR...

WHO CARES IF YOU DIE OUT THERE? YOU'RE NOT ONE OF US. YOU WERE SUPERMAN'S FRIEND WHEN HE WAS SUPERBOY! SUPERBOY HAD TO SEND YOU HERE BECAUSE IT'S THE ONLY PLACE YOU COULD STAY ALIVE!

SHOVE HIM OUT! THEN LET'S SEE WHAT SUPERMAN'S ALLIES DO ABOUT HIM!



AND SO PRESENTLY...

HA HA, LOOK AT MON-EL STREAK AWAY LIKE A SCARED RABBIT! HE'S DIVING INTO THE OCEAN... PROBABLY TO AVOID ANY LEAD!

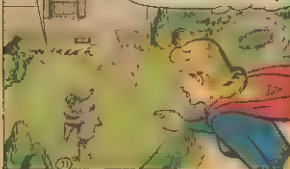
BUT NONE OF SUPERMAN'S FRIENDS INTERCEPTED HIM! SINCE NOBODY IS ON THE LOOKOUT FOR US, I, JAX-UR, WILL GO FORTH TO COLLECT MORE SUPER-TEARS WHILE YOU WAIT HERE!



SHORTLY AS SUPERGIRL IS PATROLLING MIDVALE...

SUPERGIRL... COME HERE AT ONCE!

GOOD GRIEF! THERE'S JAX-UR, THE VILLAIN FROM THE PHANTOM ZONE! HE'S GOT DAD IN HIS POWER! GASP!... HOW DID HE ESCAPE FROM THE PHANTOM ZONE?



LISTEN, SUPERGIRL... UNLESS YOU CRY GALLONS OF TEARS I'LL KILL YOUR FATHER! DON'T TRY ANY TRICKS, BECAUSE I, TOO, HAVE SUPER-POWERS!

DON'T DO WHAT HE SAYS, SUPERGIRL! HE'LL MAKE FRIGHTFUL USE OF YOUR TEARS!



FOOL, BE SILENT! YES **SUPERGIRL!** YOUR FATHER KNOWS MY SCHEME! UNDER OUR HYPNOTIC CONTROL HE MADE YOU CRY THREE TIMES AND COLLECTED YOUR TEARS! NOW I'LL COLLECT THEM! START CRYING... OR I'LL KILL YOUR FATHER!

N NO DON'T SOB! I'LL CRY YOU BRUTE!



SUDDENLY...
MON-EL! YOU'RE BACK!...
GASP!... YOU'VE FISHED A **GREEN KRYPTONITE** METEOR OUT OF THE SEA!

RIGHT! SINCE I'M NOT A NATIVE OF **KRYPTON** LIKE YOU OR **SUPERGIRL**, I'M IMMUNE TO ITS RADIATIONS, BUT YOU'RE NOT **JAX-UR!** GO BACK TO THE **PHANTOM ZONE** OR DIE!



WHEN YOU PUSHED ME OUT OF THE **PHANTOM ZONE** I WASN'T AFRAID I WAS GLAD! I WANTED TO BE THE FIRST TO LEAVE IN ORDER TO GET THE **KRYPTONITE** THAT WOULD RUIN YOUR SCHEME

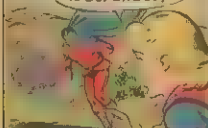
BRAVE MON-EL! HE RISKED DEATH FROM EXPOSURE TO LEAD TO SAVE ME!



THEN AFTER **MON-EL** TELLS **SUPERGIRL** OF **JAX-UR'S** PLOT...

I CAN'T STAY IN YOUR WORLD, **SUPERGIRL!** I MIGHT COME IN CONTACT WITH LEAD! BUT BEFORE I RETURN I'LL HEAVE THIS **KRYPTONITE** METEOR INTO SPACE! NOW FAREWELL... I MUST LEAVE BEFORE THE RIFT CLOSES UP FOREVER!

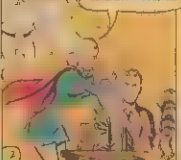
FAREWELL DEAR **MON-EL!** YOU'RE THE SAME SELF-SACRIFICING FRIEND TO ME THAT YOU WERE TO **SUPERBOY!**



LATER, AS **SUPERGIRL** REVIVES HER FATHER...

BAN! SHE DESTROYED THE TEAR-FORMULA WITH HER HEAT-VISION! THANKS TO **MON-EL**, THE RIFT IS SEALED! BUT WE'LL DREAM OUT ANOTHER SCHEME TO ESCAPE FROM THE **PHANTOM ZONE!**

SOME DAY I MUST FREE **MON-EL** FROM THAT DREADED TWILIGHT WORLD



YES, IF NOT FOR HIM, I MIGHT BE DEAD NOW! BUT I'VE DISCOVERED SOMETHING! I CAN'T RECEIVE EXTRA-SENSORY THOUGHTS ANY MORE! **JAX-UR'S** BLOW MUST'VE ROBBED ME OF MY PSYCHIC POWER!

BE GLAD YOU'RE RID OF IT DAD! AS YOU SEE INSTEAD OF A BLESSING, IT ALMOST BECAME A CURSE, AND I CERTAINLY WON'T CRY OVER YOUR LOSS!



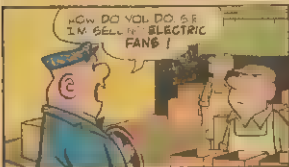
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"THIS PLACE WAS A LOT OF PEOPLE NIT GOOD!"



"HOW DO YOU DO, SE I'M SELLIN' ELECTRIC FANS!"



"I WOULD TO SHOW YOU HOW POWERFUL MY MODEL 5 ILL PLUG T V HERE"



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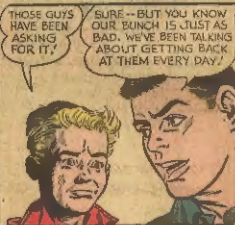
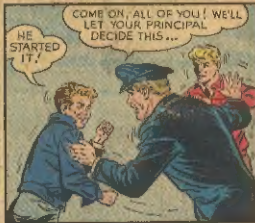
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